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SUBJECT: THE SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH POLISH FOREIGN

MINISTER STEFAN MELLER, DECEMBER 19, 2005, 2:30 PM,

WASHINGTON, D.C.

(U) Classified by EUR A/S Daniel Fried for reasons 1.4 (b)
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1. (U) Participants:

U.S.

The Secretary

A/S Daniel Fried, EUR

A/S Sean McCormack, PA

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Poland

Foreign Minister Stefan Meller
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Piotr Naimski, Deputy Minister of Economy
Director Henryk Szlajfer, MFA Americas Division
Pawel Dobrowolski, MFA Spokesman
Director Robert Kupiecki, MFA Security Policy Department

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3. (U) The Secretary welcomed FM Meller, telling him the U.S. has no better friend than Poland. Meller returned the greeting by emphasizing Poland's strong desire to build our relationship by working together to solve regional and global problems.

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Allegations of CIA prisons

11. (C) Secretary Rice strongly asserted that the U.S. does not condone or authorize torture and emphasized that our governments' fundamental obligation is to the security of our citizens. The U.S. government will use all lawful means to protect our and our Allies' citizens, tools which already have saved thousands of lives.

Bilateral issues - military assistance, visas, visits

12. (SBU) FM Meller briefly raised Defense Minister Sikorski's recent visit, noting Sikorski awaited an answer from Defense Secretary Rumsfeld on his request for U.S. assistance.

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14. (SBU) FM Meller emphasized the need to get at the problem in ways more visibly demonstrable to the Polish public and suggested concessions for young travelers, like

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students and exchange visitors. Assistant Secretary Fried pointed out that the costs of studying in the United States dwarf the cost of student visas and suggested increased exchanges as a good way to get at the problem. Meller heartily agreed, hoping something could be highlighted in time for a visit by President-elect Kaczynski. Ambassador Ashe flagged for FM Meller an upcoming visit by Congressman Sensenbrenner to Warsaw as a good opportunity to address these issues.

15. (SBU) Meller told the Secretary that President-elect Kaczynski hoped to come to Washington in late January or early February. The Secretary welcomed the visit but noted the President is often focused on his domestic agenda in the period following the State of the Union address (note: January 24).

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